

Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the existing Kern River No. 1 Project. The project is located near Bakersfield, in Kern County, California.

On July 31, 1997, the Commission staff issued and distributed to all parties a draft environmental assessment on the project, and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 30 days. At the request of the Fish and Wildlife Service the comment period was extended an additional 30 days to September 30, 1997. Comments were filed and are addressed in the final environmental assessment (FEA).

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice Tendered For Filing With The Commission

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Major New License (Tendered Notice).
- b. *Project No.:* 2620-005.
- c. *Date filed:* March 9, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Lockhart Power Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Lockhart Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Broad River in Union, Chester, York, and Cherokee counties, South Carolina.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Leslie Anderson, General Manager, Lockhart Power Company, 420 River Street, Lockhart, South Carolina.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Charles R. Hall at (202) 219-2853.
- j. *Description of Project:* The existing project consists of: (1) A 16-foot-high, concrete gravity dam; (2) a 7.5-mile-

long, 300-acre reservoir; (3) a 7,497-foot-long canal; (4) a powerhouse containing five turbine-generator units with a total installed capacity of 15,200 kilowatts (kW), proposed for upgrading to 18,000 kW; and (4) a 1,500-foot-long tailrace.

k. Under Section 4.32 (b)(7) of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR), if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that the applicant should conduct an additional scientific study to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merits, they must file a request for the study with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the application is filed, and must serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

1. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR, 800.4.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-181057; FRL 5780-1]

### Bifenthrin; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has received a specific exemption request from the Washington Department of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide bifenthrin (CAS 8657-04-3 *cis* and 83322-02-5 *trans*), formulated as Brigade WSB, to treat up to 9,500 acres of raspberries to control weevils. This is the sixth year this use has been requested, and it has been allowed under section 18 for the past 5 years. Since this request proposes a use which has been requested or granted in any 3 previous years, and a complete application for registration and petition for tolerance has not yet been submitted to the Agency, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24(a)(6).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 9, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181057," should be

submitted by mail to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instruction under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted in any comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be included in the public record by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Andrea Beard, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail: Rm. 267, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703-308-9356); e-mail: beard.andrea@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a state agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption. The Applicant has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of bifenthrin on raspberries to control weevils. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

According to the Applicant, this emergency exists because of the loss of the chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticides. Initially, raspberry growers obtained some relief through use of carbofuran under an exemption; however, that use was later disallowed